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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP, PFOR, NI

SUBJECT: FMG OCCUPATION OF EMBASSY ANNEX: SITREP ONE

REF: LAGOS 6096

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0020 HOURS JULY 9 FIFTEEN TO TWENTY ARMED TROOPS OF FMG ARMY UNDER COMMAND OF A CORPORAL APPEARED AT EMBASSY ANNEX MOLONEY STREET, LOCKED GATES, SEALED OFF BUILDING WITH MARINE GUARD CORPORAL INSIDE AND OCCUPIED PREMISES THOUGH THEY DID NOT ENTER BUILDING. THEY SAID THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN ON DIRECT ORDERS OF COMMISSIONER WORKS AND HOUSING BRIGADIER OBASANJO. MARINE GUARD REMAINS INSIDE, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED KEEP COOL, DO NOTHING PROVOCATIVE, AND NOT REPEAT NOT PHYSICALLY RESIST ANY ATTEMPT BY TROOPS TO FORCE ENTRY. NO REPEAT NO PRESENT INDICATION OF ANY SUCH INTENT ON PART OF SOLDIERS.

2. AMBASSADOR EASUM TALKED TWICE DURING NIGHT TO MEA PERMSEC
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IYALLA WHO ADVISED "NOTHING COULD BE DONE UNTIL MORNING."

WE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING DAILY FOR MORE THAN A WEEK TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH MEA, AS AGREED JUNE 24, TO DISCUSS COST AND TIMING OF VACATING BUILDING (LAGOS 6096), BUT MEA HAS NOT RESPONDED.

3. TROOPS WERE REPORTEDLY ACCOMPANIED BY PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, INDICATING POSSIBLE FMG TIP OFF TO THEM IN ADVANCE. "DAILY TIMES" THIS MORNING HEADLINES ACROSS FRONT AND BACK PAGES "NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HITS HARD AT US," SUB HEADLINE "USIS BUILDING UNDER MILITARY GUARD." STORY DESCRIBES ACTIONS PARA ONE, CLAIMING NO ONE ALLOWED ENTRY OR EXIT (ALTHOUGH FMG ARMY CORPORAL TOLD ADMIN COUNSELOR PEOPLE COULD LEAVE BUT NOT ENTER, AND WE HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO WITHDRAW ALL OFFICIAL VEHICLES.) STORY ALSO REPORTS OBASANJO HAD FOUR WEEKS AGO GIVEN EMBASSY TWO-WEEK "ULTIMATUM" TO LEAVE, PROVIDING US SUFFICIENT TIME TO "PACK." STORY NOTES THAT FMG HAD GIVEN USG ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS. CONCLUDES WITH COMMENT THAT TWO YEARS AGO USIS GAVE UP ITS CATHOLIC STREET BUILDING TO MAKE WAY FOR LAGOS STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

4. AMERICAN AND NIGERIAN EMPLOYEES ARRIVING AT WORK THIS MORNING HAVE BEEN REFUSED ENTRY AND TOLD RETURN HOME. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND FOR THE PRESENT TO ATTEMPT RELIEVE MARINE CORPORAL, WHO IS IN GOOD SPIRITS, HAS FOOD, AND CAN TELEPHONE.

5. BY SEPTTEL WE ARE TRANSMITTING TEXT OF EMBASSY NOTE BEING DELIVERED TO MEA THIS MORNING. NOTE REITERATES EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE TO ITS PREVIOUS NOTES, REQUESTS WITHDRAWAL OF FMG TROOPS, AND STATES EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT RESUME DISCUSSIONS OF MODALITIES OF MOVE IN ABSENCE FMG RESPONSE TO THESE TWO REQUEST.

6. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT CALL IN AMBASSADOR GARBA AND EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN WITH WHICH WE REGARD OCCUPATION OF MOLONEY PREMISES BY FMG TROOPS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSIDER ESCALATING CONVERSATION WITH GARBA TO 7TH FLOOR LEVEL.

7. OUR ESTIMATE OF COST OF MOVE IS IN EXCESS OF ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS, BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS:

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NAIRA

PHYSICAL MOVE (10-15 DAYS)	20,000
COST OF A/CS AND INSTALLATION	16,000
STANDY-BY GENERATOR AND INSTALLATION	24,000
ERECTION AND COST OF OUTSIDE SECURITY LIGHTS	6,000
BURGLAR BARS	12,200
RENOVATIONS AND PAINTING	30,000
CHANGING OF DOORS AND LOCKS	3,000
REWIRING FROM SINGLE PHASE TO THREE PHASE	5,000
GEAR BOXES, SWITCHES AND ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES	5,000
FLOURESCENT FIXTURES	3,000
PAVING FORYKAR PARKING	10,000
INITIAL CLEAN-UP COSTS	2,500
SECURITY SYSTEMS	5,000

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TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT 149,000

TELEPHONE INSTALLATION (INTERIOR) 6,000

RENT, 14 ELSIE FEMI PEARCE (18 MONTHS) 63,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST NAIRA 359,700
\$ 593,685

8. IN ANSWER TO PRESS QUERIES EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IS MAKING
FOLLOWING STATEMENT: AT 0020, JULY 9, THE GROUNDS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EMBASSY ANNEX WERE OCCUPIED BY ARMED
TROOPS OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA. THE ANNEX
HOUSES THE FOLLOWING OFFICES OF THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSION:
CONSULAR SECTION, USAID, USIS, HEALTH UNIT AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE.
THE EMBASSY HAS LODGED A PROTEST OVER THE OCCUPATION OF ANNEX
GROUNDS WITH THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

9. PLEASE ALERT OTHER WASHINGTON AGENCIES WITH PERSONNEL IN
LAGOS TO THIS DEVELOPMENT.
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